

CRANKS BESIDGE CHAMBERLAIN

One Man Becomes Violent
When Refused Rent for
Central Park.

PACIFIED BY DIPLOMACY

Two Women Claim City Hall, but
Are Satisfied When Furnished
with Blank Receipts.

CITY OFFICIAL'S MANY DUTIES

Mr. Gould, Just Returned from Vacation,
Describes the Tasks That Are At-
tached to His Office.

Cranks, harmless, but persistent, be-
sided City Chamberlain Elgin R. L. Gould
when he returned from his vacation at
Ontario fishing resorts yesterday. He had
hardly taken off his coat and prepared to
sign the hundreds of checks awaiting his
name when a woman in green, with a
green bonnet, demanded to see the City
Chamberlain.

She came into the office, whistled around
three times, made a low bow and voiced a
formal demand for pay for the City Hall,
which she asserted she owned. The man at
the door took a blank receipt, stuck a
blank gold seal upon it, handed it to her
and she went away satisfied.

She is believed to be the same woman in
green who calls periodically at the Fifth
Avenue Hotel and asks to see the President
of the United States. The clerk tells her
the President has just gone, leaving his
regrets for her, and she departs.

Another woman soon appeared, also
claiming to own the City Hall. She in-
sisted upon \$2,000,000 for it, but was willing
to settle for \$1,500,000 if paid in a lump
sum. She left contented with a blank re-
ceipt. Many others called during the day.

ONE CHANK VIOLENT
The worst case was that of a man who
claimed to own a part of Central Park. He
came from Brooklyn, and said that when
Brooklyn was annexed to the city he was
not paid. He shook a handful of certifi-
cates covered with gaudy seals in the door-
keeper's face. He showed the indorse-
ments, which he claimed were of offi-
cials, written by men to humor him, using
fantastic names. He became violent, but
was saved from arrest and pacified by the
presentation of a useless blank certificate
for his collection.

"All the other departments think it a
huge joke to send cranks here," said Mr.
Gould, after he had mollified the man who
claimed to own the City Hall. "They tell me
I am the only official having any money."

"Now it is 'Now it is' the banker of
the city, and if anyone thinks the City
Chamberlain's office is a sinecure, I can
show him the thousands of checks that are
sent out daily. I have to pay out \$300,000
annually, in sums varying from \$2 to \$50,
according to the length of service."

150,000 CHECKS ANNUALLY
"I have to sign my name to 150,000 checks
annually, an average of about 400 a day,
and am personally responsible for almost
\$500,000,000 that represents the city's busi-
ness for one year, and have to give the
greatest bond of any city official for the
amount of \$300,000, with four bondsmen,
each held in a like amount."

"My special duties are to receive the cash
bond. As soon as the cash is deposited
with me some creditor often attaches it.
I have to determine whether or not the
cash is to be returned. To make certain
I require an order from the court designat-
ing to whom the money is to be paid."

MANAGEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS
"The Chamberlain's office was estab-
lished in 1862. Since 1855, the office has
been custodian of trust funds, the old
trust of Charles F. Johnson being abolished at that
time. The incomes of many persons, in
consequence, are dependent on my suc-
cessful management of these funds, of
which there are now about seven thousand
accounts on my books, with a total
of trust funds of about \$500,000,000."

"Two Irishmen came in here to-day with
an order from the court giving me very
very distinct instructions. They were aware
of the latitude given me by the court.
They said they were and I naturally
presumed that they were. I gave them
little consequence. Judge my surprise,
then, when I learned they had voluntarily
contributed to the fund of \$100,000. They
declared they would trust no one with it but
the City Chamberlain."

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one county have full evidence of gross
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BANKS COME TO RESCUE
"During the recent depression in Wall
street the city had to pay \$3,000,000 at
once. Although ready money was scarce,
two banks came forward and let us have
the cash. Naturally, I was obliged to place
such financial institutions, and you can
imagine that these two particular banks
are now the favorites of the city. When
I became Chamberlain I found many banks
used as city depositories not designated by
law. I promptly withdrew the funds from
all such and placed them in designated
depositories."

He also opened a branch office in
Brooklyn for the convenience of the courts
and lawyers there. A messenger comes
twice daily with trial bonds and other
funds and accounts and takes back the
checks due.

THE weekly payroll of about fifty thou-
sand employees of the city is a difficult task
in itself, even as arranged.

OTHER TRYING DUTIES
"In addition to these severe duties I
have to act as custodian or fiscal agent
for the Adjutant General of the State in
the distribution of military funds. I have
to report to the Mayor and Controller
weekly all the operations of the city treasur-
y, and make daily reports to the latter
of receipts, with certification of cash bal-
ances, with quarterly reports of trial bal-
ances to him and the Commissioners of
Accounts. I have to report to the State
Controller annually on all trust and military
funds."

The court reports are most voluminous
and trying. The funds represent various
actions in partition, to foreclose mort-
gages, awards in condemnation proceed-
ings, mechanics' liens, interpleaders, se-
curity for costs, tenders before and after
judgment, accounts of assignees and re-
ceivers, special proceedings to dispose of
real estate of decedents and of infants
and accounts of executors, administrators
and guardians."

DIVORCE SUIT SURPRISES
Action Brought by Mrs. Lovell, of
Plainfield, Last May, Just
Becomes Known.

Announcement that Mrs. Annie Prentiss
Lovell, of West Seventh street, Plainfield,
N. J., has instituted proceedings for a di-
vorce against her husband, John Edwin
Lovell, who is now believed to be living
in England, has caused surprise. The pe-
tition was filed in the New Jersey Court of
Chancery on May 25, but it has just leaked
out.

In her petition Mrs. Lovell sets forth
that she and her husband were married in
1882 and that soon after they went to Eng-
land. She alleges that Mrs. Lovell's hus-
band, who she left London in 1881 with his
consent and his promise to return to her
in Plainfield, but he never did so.

The couple have one child, Joseph Wilbur
Lovell, ten years old. Mrs. Lovell's maiden
name was Annie Prentiss. She is the
daughter of Mrs. E. Arthur Janke, with whom
she would have a delegate in Congress.

FAVOR DELEGATE FROM ALASKA.
SEATTLE, Wash., Friday.—Senators Dil-
lingham, of Vermont; Burnham, of New
Hampshire; Patterson, of Colorado, and
Nelson, of Minnesota, comprising the Sen-
atorial party, which left New York two
months ago to investigate Alaskan needs,
have arrived here. They think that Alaska
should have a delegate in Congress.

McCormick Heirs Give \$10,000.
LEXINGTON, Va., Friday.—George H. Den-
ny, president of Washington and Lee Uni-
versity, who has just returned from a trip
to Chicago, announces that the widow
and children of the late Cyrus H. Den-
ny, of Lexington, have given a fund of \$10,000
to the university. Mr. McCormick, before his
death gave \$30,000 to the university, and
by his will \$20,000.

FINED FOR SELLING BREAD.
Frank Lawler, employed by a Jersey City
bakery, sold a ten cent loaf of bread to
Mrs. Mary Kane, of Twenty-third street and
the Boulevard, Bayonne, yesterday. He
was arrested for selling without a license
and fined \$10 for the offense.



MRS. HENRY R. LEVI

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MRS. LEVI IN COURT BRIDE TORE VEIL, A NERVOUS WRECK TRAMPLED BOUQUET

Husband Accompanies Her to Court Ellen Gallen Thought She Had Been
and Is Accepted as Deserted and Fled from
Bondsmen. Church.

"VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES" BRIDEGROOM WAS DELAYED

Mr. Levi Says No Woman in Same Mind
Would Think of Taking the Ar-
rested Wife Is Accused Of.

On the verge of collapse, Mrs. Henry R.
Levi, who was arrested on Thursday in a
Broadway department store on a charge of
shoplifting, was arraigned before Magis-
trate O'Brien, in the Jefferson Market
Court, yesterday. On the record she was
described as Mrs. Jane Leroy, thirty-five
years old, of Washington, and residing
more recently at No. 142 East Seventy-
ninth street, this city.

She was accompanied by her husband,
who is a commission merchant in jewelry,
with an office in Maiden lane.
The examination was adjourned until
next Monday afternoon. Bail was fixed at
\$50 and her husband was accepted as her
bondsmen.

The complaint of petty larceny mentions
sixteen dollars, worth \$32.10, as the ar-
ticles taken.
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side, Mr. Levi said last night his wife was
utterly prostrated by her experience.
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SEEK INFORMATION
ON LAKE SUPERIOR
Stockholders Prepare to Act Should
Syndicate Attempt Sud-
den Action.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Friday.—P. F. Roth-
ermel, Jr., former District Attorney, acting
on behalf of E. Clarence Miller and
other owners of the Consolidated Lake
Superior Company stock, made a move to-
day toward obtaining information of the
future of the company.

Mr. Miller represents a holding of sev-
eral thousand shares. The other interests
of the stockholders represented by the
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MILES STANDS UP FOR HIS ARMY PLAN AN EXTRA SESSION

Rapid Fire Gun, General Declares,
Has Made Cavalry Useless
in Battle.

ADVOCATES A MOTOR FORCE

One Thousand Infantrymen Could Defeat
Fourteen Thousand of the
Best Cavalrymen.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

BOSTON, Mass., Friday.—General Nelson
A. Miles talked to-day about his recom-
mendation for the adoption of automob-
iles in the army and reducing the cavalry
force. He said the rapid fire gun had
made the cavalry practically useless in
engagements in which they were effective
under former conditions.

"This government should keep pace in
this matter," said General Miles. "The
old conditions are changed and we have
the automobile and should use it. It
sometimes becomes necessary to take a
place, to project into the enemy's country
and to make a trench a town that is of
strategic value. With such a corps this
could be done very easily, and I have
recommended it because I felt that it was
my duty to do so."

"In France, where I saw fourteen thou-
sand of the best cavalrymen, I watched
their maneuvers, and saw them draw off
a mile from the front. They came on,
first at a walk, then a slow trot, then a gal-
lop, and finally broke into a charge. They
stopped and fired directly at the front of
the line. With one thousand of my in-
fantry, armed with my rifles, I could have
easily defeated them, and they were not
even armed with machine guns."

"Each soldier would fire twenty shots in a
minute. This would be twenty thousand
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"Now, what shall we do to replace it?
In case of war we must be prepared to
make use of every resource at our com-
mand. We have done nothing to make
use of the newer forces of the bicycle,
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"We spend \$5,000,000 annually for cavalry
that is not needed. This money could be
spent much more satisfactorily in the way
I mention in my letter to Secretary Root.
We should discontinue the use of cavalry
and replace them with five corps of
men trained in the use of motors."

"We should give more attention to road
building and have men who know how to
use the modern machinery that is now
used in the construction of roads. I have
my experience that the greater part of
road building is now done by machinery,
and we should know how to use it in case
of war."

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GAMBLING CASE UPSET

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Room, private bath, steam heat, centrally
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